

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 1-13 are rejected. Claim 7 is canceled. Claims 1 and 8-13 are amended. Previously Presented claims 8-13 are added. Claims 1-6 and 8-13 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Office Action that Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. In addition, Claims 2-6 and 9-13 are also rejected as being dependent upon claims 1 and 8. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 8 responsive to this rejection without adding any new matter. Claims 9-13 are also amended to correct claim dependencies.

In the Action, the Examiner asserts that it is unclear as to how the first pixel data is transmitted to the image signal handling block and how the first pixel data is transmitted to the defect pixel repairing block based upon the switching unit. In response, if there is the defect pixel, i.e., when the first control signal RASS is a logical '1', the first switching unit is off, and the second switching unit is on. Thus, the revised pixel data PIXEL *(i, j) can be transmitted to the image signal handling block. Consequently, Claims 1 and 8 are amended to clarify this aspect of the invention. The above feature is supported by Fig. 2 and the description on page 9, lines 6-24 of the specification.

Applicant notes that the foregoing amendments do not require further consideration and/or search since Claim 1, as previously amended, corresponded to Claim 7 rewritten in independent form, which claim, the Examiner indicated in the prior Office Action was in condition for allowance. This amendment merely clarifies the claim in order to address the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Alternatively, in the event that the Examiner believes that the amendment requires further consideration and/or search, Applicant hereby requests that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn. In particular, since Claim 1, as previously amended, corresponded to Claim 7 which the Examiner indicated was in condition for allowance, the rejection of amended Claim 1, i.e., Claim 7, was raised for the first time in the present Office Action, and such rejection was not necessitated by the claim amendment since Claim 1, as amended, corresponds to Claim 7 which was deemed allowable. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present Office Action was improperly made final.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-6 and 8-13, as they now stand, are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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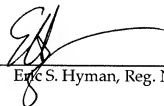
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